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FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 14, 2017



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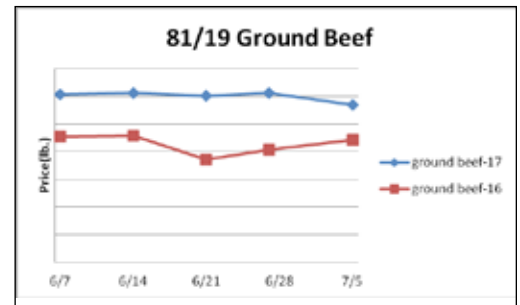
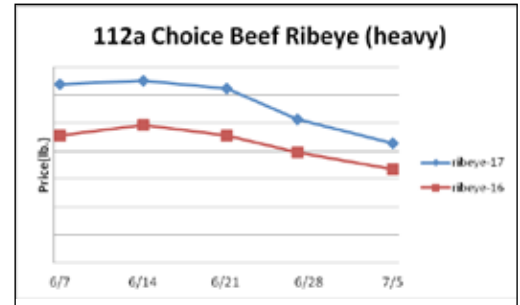
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Beef, Veal & Lamb

Beef production last week rose 1.5% and was 3.5% larger than the same week last year. Solid year over year beef output expansion is likely in the coming weeks. The USDA is forecasting Q3 total protein production to be 3.6% larger than 2016 marking the largest year over year gain in the last five quarters. This could weigh on the beef markets. However, holiday shortened output could bring support to prices in the near term. Further, the recent market declines are starting to spur retail buying interest for August which could bring further support. May 30th boneless beef stocks were 11% less than the prior year. The seasonal trend in beef 50% trim is lower during the summer.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Cattle (Steer)	Decreasing	Short	Lower
Feeder Cattle Index (CME)	Increasing	Short	Higher
Ground Beef 81/19	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Ground Chuck	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
109 Export Rib (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
112a Ribeye (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
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114a Chuck , Shlder Cld(ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
116 Chuck (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
116b Chuck Tender (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
120 Brisket (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
120a Brisket (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121c Outside Skirt (ch/sel)	Increasing	Good	Higher
121d Inside Skirt (ch/sel)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
121e Cap & Wedge	Increasing	Good	Higher
167a Knuckle, Trimmed (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
168 Inside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
169 Top Round (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
171b Outside Round (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
174 Short Loin (ch 0x1)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
174 Short Loin (pr 2x3)	Increasing	Good	Higher
180 0x1 Strip (pr)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
180 0x1 Strip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (ch)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184 Top Butt, boneless (pr)	Increasing	Good	Higher
184-3 Top Butt, bnls (ch)	Increasing	Good	Lower
185a Sirloin Flap (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
185c Loin, Tri-Tip (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (sel, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (ch, 5 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
189a Tender (pr, heavy)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
193 Flank Steak (ch)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
50% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher
65% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
75% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
85% Trimmings	Increasing	Short	Higher
90% Trimmings	Decreasing	Short	Higher
90% Imported Beef (frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
95% Imported Beef (frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Veal Rack (Hotel 7 rib)	Steady	Good	Lower
Veal Top Round (cap off)	Steady	Good	Lower



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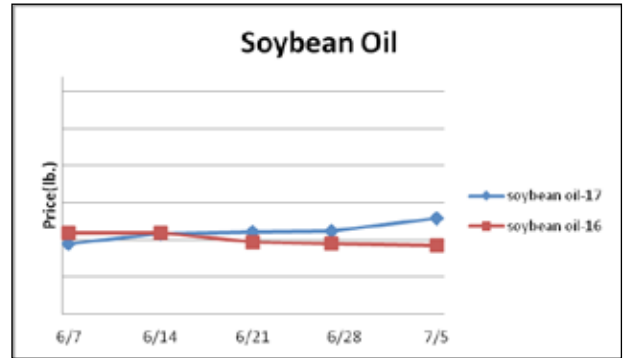
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Grains

The USDA has pegged 2017-18 corn and soybean harvested acreage at suitable levels, assuming the weather cooperates. However, the USDA has reduced their estimates around spring wheat and durum plantings which is expected to cause supplies for both to tighten. Higher wheat prices may be impending.

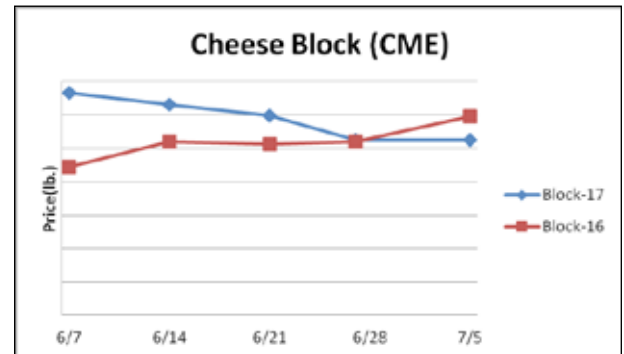
Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Soybeans, bushel	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Soybean Oil, lb	Increasing	Good	Higher
Soybean Meal, ton	Increasing	Good	Lower
Corn, bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
Crude Corn Oil, lb	Steady	Good	Lower
High Fructose Corn Syrup	Increasing	Good	Higher
Distillers Grain, Dry	Increasing	Good	Lower
Crude Palm Oil, lb BMD	Increasing	Good	Higher
HRW Wheat, bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
DNS Wheat 14%, bushel	Increasing	Good	Higher
Durum Wheat, bushel	Increasing	Short	Higher
Pinto Beans, lb	Steady	Good	Lower
Black Beans, lb	Steady	Good	Higher
Rice, Long Grain, lb	Steady	Good	Lower



Dairy

The CME cheese markets have remained fairly range-bound during the last week. However, CME cheese continues to trade well below the international markets which should encourage exports in the coming months. Further, the seasonal tendency for cheese prices during the summer is to firm. And lastly, class III milk is starting to trade at a discount to class IV which could temper cheese output this month. Higher cheese prices are anticipated. The CME butter market remains elevated, and strong exports could cause prices to move higher before turning downward.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Cheese Barrels (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Cheese Blocks (CME)	Steady	Good	Lower
American Cheese	Increasing	Good	Lower
Cheddar Cheese (40 lb)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Mozzarella Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Provolone Cheese	Steady	Good	Same
Parmesan Cheese	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Butter (CME)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Nonfat Dry Milk	Decreasing	Ample	Higher
Whey, Dry	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Class 1 Base	Steady	Good	Higher
Class II Cream, heavy	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class III Milk (CME)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Class IV Milk (CME)	Decreasing	Good	Higher



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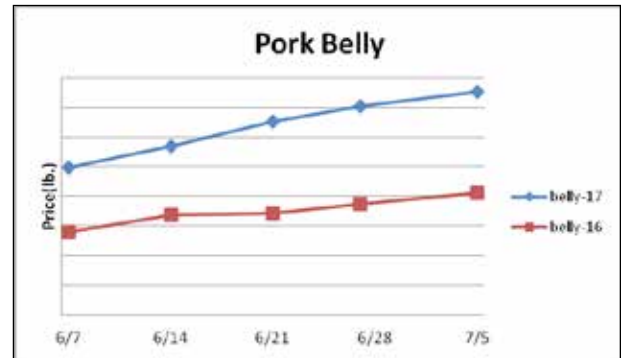
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Pork

Pork output last week rose 2% and was 3.8% bigger than the same week a year ago. Pork production will seasonally bottom in the not-so-distant future. This suggests that a top may be near for many of the pork markets. Pork output should continue to trend well above the prior year levels into 2018. According to the USDA, the June 1st U.S. hog and pig inventory was 3.4% larger than last year with the breeding herd up 1.5%. Pig per litter yields continue to expand as well, higher by .7% from 2016 for the March to May period.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Live Hogs	Decreasing	Ample	Higher
Sow	Increasing	Ample	Higher
Belly (bacon)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Sparerib(4.25 lb & down)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Ham (20-23 lb)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Ham (23-27 lb)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Loin (bone in)	Steady	Good	Higher
Babyback Rib (1.75 lb & up)	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Tenderloin (1.25 lb)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Boston Butt, untrmd (4-8 lb)	Steady	Good	Higher
Picnic, untrmd	Increasing	Good	Higher
SS Picnic, smoker trm box	Increasing	Good	Higher
42% Trimmings	Increasing	Good	Higher
72% Trimmings	Decreasing	Good	Higher



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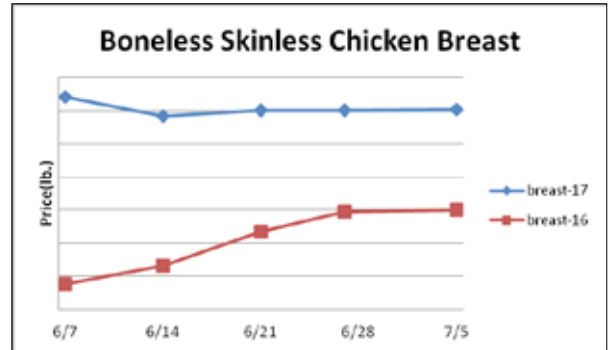
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Poultry

Chicken production for the week ending June 24th declined 2.6% from the previous week and was 1.6% less than the same week last year. The six-week running total of chicken output is 2.1% larger than 2016. Recent data suggests year over year gains in chicken production may be tempered in the near term. The six-week moving average of chick placements stands at just 1.3% better than the previous year. Production challenges may limit output during the summer which could buoy the chicken markets. It is likely that chicken wing prices will be historically inflated for the beginning of the football season in September. Table egg prices remain deflated. Producers are reducing the size of the table egg layer flock which eventually should bring support to the table egg and processed egg markets.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Birds WOG-Nat	Increasing	Good	Higher
Wings (jumbo cut)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Wing Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Breast, Bnless Skinless NE	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Breast, Bnless Skinless SE	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Breast Boneless Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Tenderloin Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Lower
Legs (whole)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Leg Quarter Index (ARA)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Bone In	Increasing	Good	Higher
Thighs, Boneless	Increasing	Good	Higher



Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Turkey (8-16 lb)	Steady	Good	Lower
Turkey Breast, Bnls/Sknl	Increasing	Good	Lower



Eggs

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Large Eggs (dozen)	Increasing	Short	Lower
Medium Eggs (dozen)	Steady	Short	Higher
Liquid Whole Eggs	Increasing	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Whites	Increasing	Short	Lower
Liquid Egg Yolks	Steady	Short	Higher
Egg Breaker Stock Central	Increasing	Short	n/c

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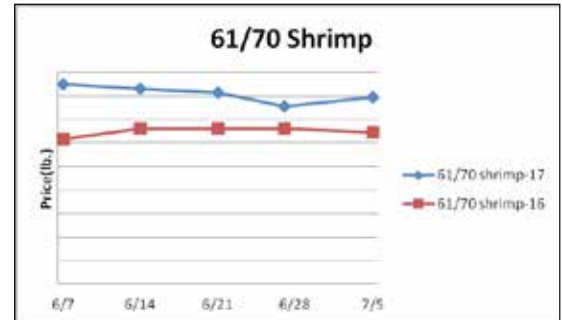
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Seafood

May retail seafood prices in the U.S. rose .5% from the prior month and were 1.4% more expensive than the same month last year. Other retail protein prices, including beef and chicken, trended at multi-year lows during the spring. If this continues it could limit retail seafood demand this summer. The upside may be limited in many of the seafood markets here.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Shrimp (16/20 frz)	Decreasing	Good	Higher
Shrimp (61/70 frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Shrimp Tiger (26/30 frz)	Increasing	Good	Higher
Snow Crab Legs (5-8 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Snow Crab Legs (8oz & up frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Cod Tails (3-7 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Same
Cod Loins (3-12 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Same
Salmon Portions (4-8 oz frz)	Steady	Good	Higher
Pollock Alaska, Deep Skin	Steady	Good	Same



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Paper and Plastic Products

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
WOOD PULP (PAPER)			
NBSK- Paper napkin	Steady	Good	Higher
42 lb. Linerboard-corrugated box	Steady	Good	Higher
PLASTIC RESINS (PLASTIC, FOAM)			
PS-CHH-utensils, cups, to-go cont.	Steady	Good	Higher
PP-HIGP-heavy grade utensils	Steady	Good	Lower
PE-LLD-can liners, film, bags	Steady	Good	Higher

Retail Price Change from Prior Month

Description	May '17	Apr '17	Mar '17
Beef and Veal	Increasing	Increasing	Increasing
Dairy	Increasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Pork	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Chicken	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
Fresh Fish and Seafood	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	Decreasing	Increasing	Increasing

Various Markets

The canned tomato markets are fairly steady. The California tomato for processing harvest is underway and will build during the next several weeks. However, production is expected to be down rather substantially from 2016 which could influence the markets upward.

Description	Market Trend	Supplies	Price vs. Last Year
Whole Peeled, Stand (6/10)	Steady	Good	Higher
Tomato Paste-Industrial (lb)	Steady	Good	Same
Coffee lb ICE	Increasing	Good	Lower
Sugar lb ICE	Decreasing	Ample	Lower
Cocoa mt ICE	Increasing	Short	Lower
Orange Juice lb ICE	Decreasing	Good	Lower
Honey (clover) lb	Steady	Good	Lower



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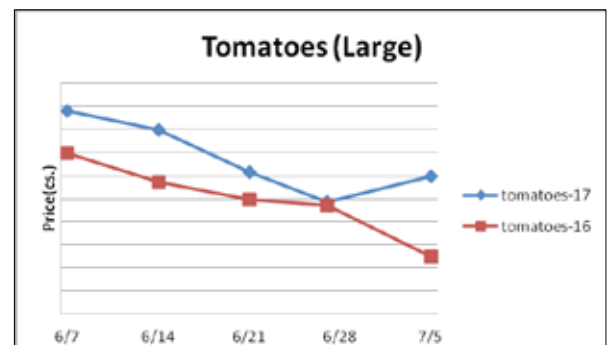


Produce

The Idaho potato markets remain inflated due to seasonally limited supplies. Typically, the Idaho potato markets remain firm into August before topping. The USDA is estimating 2017 U.S. fall potato harvested acreage to be essentially flat with last year, but Idaho potato harvested acreage is projected to be down 4.6%. A smaller Idaho potato crop could temper the seasonal downside in the Idaho potato markets during the late summer and early fall. The five-year average trend for the 70 count Idaho potato markets from mid-August through the end of the year is lower by 31%. Celery, and lemons are still in a very EXTREME MARKET and we are seeing a shortage in supply with oranges as well. The melon market is in escalation. Garlic will be pulling from the U.S. this week. Iceberg lettuce market is seeing some activity, all leaf is stable. All the eastern growing regions continue to experience rain in the form of heavy afternoon thunderstorms. The weather forecast calls for additional rains this week for all growing regions. This type of weather almost always causes less than ideal quality and suspect shelf-life. Therefore, we suggest that dry vegetable inventories be kept as tight as possible until we work through this product.

MARKET ALERT

- Apples – EXTREME
- Avocados – ESCALATED
- Asparagus – ESCALATED
- Celery – ESCALATED
- Cucumbers (Select) – ESCALATED
- Green Beans – EXTREME
- Garlic – EXTREME
- Green Peppers – ESCALATED
- Lemons – EXTREME
- Melons – ESCALATED
- Oranges – EXTREME
- Potatoes (Large Sizes) – ESCALATED



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Produce

Apples

Extreme: Demand from retail is extreme causing shortages industry wide. Golds and Grannys remain extremely short causing a shift in demand to all other varieties. We expect to see this continue through the rest of the season. Offshore deals are also very active due to the shortages in the Pacific Northwest.

Pears

Bosc and Anjou are readily available domestically out of Washington. We expect to see California begin in July. Offshore Bosc and Packham supplies are steady.

Artichokes

We are seeing prices come down. Quality is good.

Arugula

Supplies are good for baby and wild. Quality is fair.

Asparagus

Jumbo/Large Escalated: The market is tightening up and will continue to do so over the next several weeks. We are seeing higher pricing on standards, large and jumbos this week.

Avocados

Escalated: On the immediate horizon, we are seeing a dip in production and seeing markets turn again as smaller sized fruit becomes very short. We expect to see smaller sized fruit short for the next several weeks due to the transition to the new Flor Loca crop in Mexico. Long term market forecasts call for lighter volume crossing through Laredo, TX. Volume is anticipated to be 30 to 35 million pounds next week, down roughly 5 million pounds from the current week. California volume will also continue a downward trend further limiting availability. Peruvian volume is expected to remain unchanged. We anticipate a very inconsistent avocado market over the next several weeks.

Bananas

Demand and quality are good and inventories are lighter this week.

Green Beans

EAST: EXTREME Supplies are very short across the entire Southeast this week due to heavy rains. Supplies and FOB prices are easing up slightly but volume is still very short. WEST: Eastern Washington has just started which is putting downward pressure on FOB prices.

Berries:

Blueberries

Production is increasing in Baja California and Oxnard; prices will remain unchanged this week while prices are varied by region. Quality is good.

Blackberries

Blackberries are good in supply through this month. Quality is good.

Raspberries

Good quality and supply. Central California growers are now harvesting as well.

Strawberries

Availability has improved this week and prices are mostly unchanged. Quality is average to good.

Bok Choy

Quality is good and we are seeing some higher quotes on WGA cartons.

Broccoli

Prices are slightly higher with very good demand. Quality is good.

Brussels Sprouts

Higher prices and tighter supplies remain but are leveling out. Quality is improving.

Cantaloupe

Market strong as we have been dependent on the California and Arizona desert region for supplies and with the extreme heat there has been damage, and just too hot to harvest full days so production has been light. We are just starting here on the Westside and will have good volume by weekend the 12's and smaller are the tightest of the sizes for right now.. The overall quality looks excellent right now and hopefully will continue to stay good and strong. We are supposed to have some heat over the next 5 days—13-108, so it may slow some of the harvesting down.



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Produce (continued)

Carrots

There is a good supply with solid quality.

Cauliflower

Market is good, quality is good and prices are down.

Celery

Escalated: Oxnard is done and we are now in Salinas for 100% of supply. Prices rebounded and went back up. Supply is tight and prices are expected to remain elevated.

Cilantro

Quality is variable as there is still yellowing with some decay. Prices are moderate.

Corn

Georgia Sweet Corn is plentiful. White, Yellow and Bi-Color corn loading in the Central CA District is now available with good volume.

Cucumbers

EAST: NC supplies remain short and quality is unstable. Therefore, the east continues to turn to NJ and MI to fill the already dry pipeline. Quality from MI is looking good so far. Due to the short supply gap, FOB prices are up
WEST: Supplies in the west are very light, driving FOB prices up significantly for carton, super select and select grades.

English Cucumber

Supplies from Eastern Canada are good.

Eggplant

EAST: SC is producing a good supply of eggplant; however, FOB prices are slightly up.
WEST: Fresno has begun their harvest, but supplies are not plentiful enough to drive prices down. FOB prices are up heading into next week. Stockton is about a week out from beginning their summer harvest.

Fennel

Supplies for the week will be light.

Garlic

Extreme: The extremely hot weather the past 7-10 days is helping us significantly. The 2017 crop is dying down. We hope to start bringing in decent amounts of 2017 CA product on tunnels. This crop is now being cracked and peeled for processing. We will begin shipping 2017 California peeled this week.

Ginger

Chinese ginger supplies have tightened up putting upward pressure on prices across the country. This is still a better dollar value than ginger from Hawaii, Brazil, Thailand and Costa Rica.

Grapes

Market is steady on reds and greens with good volumes out of Mexico and Coachella valley, but we are starting to slow down on harvesting and will probably see some burn due to the record high heat we are experiencing especially in the California desert, where we are seeing temperatures in the 120 degree range which is hard on the fruit as well as the people, and the forecast is for it to last through the weekend. We will continue out of both of these regions through the next few weeks and we have started here in the San Joaquin valley with Flames and sugarones and volumes continue to get better each day and by the first of next week we should be going full steam ahead, we will have fruit though December here in the valley.

Green Cabbage

Green cabbage has improved, supplies are good and quality is good in the east and west. Volume incentives are available out of Georgia, however we have reported some quality issues in eastern cabbage due to the heavy amount of rain.

Red Cabbage

Quality and sizing have been great, with good color. Overall, the market is strong.

Green Onions

Iced: Prices are good and there is plenty of product.
Iceless: This market is steady with good volume.



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Honeydew

Market is strong as well as we are just getting started here on the Westside and should have good volume as well by the weekend. We expect to have good supplies here through the first of October and then transition to the desert. The overall quality looks very good right now as we are getting started.

Jicama

Normal prices and quality is good.

Kale (Green)

Demand is steady and quality is better.

Kiwi

Supplies are good. Prices are good and quality is average.

Lemons

Market is extremely strong and demand far exceeds supply on all sizes and grades. The overall quality is good to fair, with some clear rot showing up due to all the moisture in the ground and warmer weather which promotes mold spores. We will see the market continue to increase as demand has been very good across the board, this will be the trend as we start heading into summer (tomorrow first day of summer) which is normal, but this situation is about a month earlier than last year. We are finished here in dist. 1 and now dependent upon only dist. 2 fruit, we have started to get some Chilean fruit in but only very light volume with better volumes coming the later part of next week and then should see steady volume arriving around the second week of July going forward. We will start to harvest some Mexican lemons next week which is early but we are excited to get started and hopefully help ease some of the pressure. We will keep you posted on our progress out of Mexico.

California Lettuce:

Butter

Prices are down and supply is good.

Green and Red Leaf

Quality is good. Prices are down and supply is good.

Iceberg Lettuce

Supplies are lighter this week and markets have ticked up. Quality is good.

Romaine

Good supply. Quality is overall good however we are still seeing occasional fringe burn and yellowing on the outer leaves.

Romaine Hearts

Supplies are good, prices are down. Quality is good, with occasional mildew.

Limes

Limes are available. Great quality and color.

Napa

Supplies are normal. Quality is good.

Onions

Pricing has seemed to have leveled off on all sizes and colors of onions. The Imperial Valley growing area in California is now finished and the San Joaquin growing region has started. Size profiles are a good mix across the board with most of the production occurring on Jumbo Yellows. We anticipate plentiful supplies through Mid-July, which should help control pricing. There are gaps expected in both New Mexico and California, so it is anticipated we will see a spike in price between now and August.

Oranges

Market is very strong and day to day demand exceeds supply on all sizes fancy and choice as navels are all but finished and Valencia is the main variety. The fruit quality is good right now, but we are experiencing some record high temperatures this week and into next week which will probably cause some re-greening and fruit will also soften up a bit. This year's Valencia crop is going to come up short as well and some of the most recent estimates are about 15-20% lighter than last year so we will see some strong prices and do not expect to see things ease but we will keep you posted as we go forward. Also with this lighter Valencia crop we are going to experience very light supplies on 113's and smaller through the summer and we expect August through mid-October to be very difficult months as far as



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supply is concerned and we will probably see a gap between Valencia's and navels this year. We do not expect to start California navels until the later part of October. There will be some Chilean navels arriving next week so hopefully that will help a bit on the supply side.

Parsley (Curly, Italian)

We are seeing prices that are still higher but improving. Quality is average.

Green Bell Pepper

EAST: North Carolina supplies are still producing a steady volume. FOB prices remain relatively flat as we head into next week and quality is still generally good. Georgia is still harvesting with a lower quality product than other regions due to rain, bringing a lower FOB market for this area.

WEST: FOB prices are down slightly on large and medium grades. Extra-large and choice remain relatively stable as California pushes through their crop. Quality remains good from this area.

Jalapeño Pepper

EAST: FOB prices remain steady, yet we are seeing a slight upward pressure.

WEST: Light plantings in the west have resulted in limited supplies. FOB prices are significantly up.

Red Bell Pepper

WEST: Pepper from the west is still in very short supply. Due to this supply gap, FOB prices are up again going into next week.

Pineapple

Supplies are good, loading at the ports as well as forward distribution centers. Fruit is cutting nicely with good brix. This is a good substitute for Honeydew.

Idaho Potatoes

Large Size Escalated Demand in the state is fairly good. We have finally gotten to a point where the large carton market has stabilized and you can place an order and get it out in a timely fashion. Smaller product is in better demand today. The consumer market has tightened up as well. No major changes in this market for the foreseeable future. Idaho's new crop appears to be progressing at a good pace. No major weather issues at this time to hinder the crop in the ground. At this time, we do not expect an early start date on the new crop, certainly not as early as last season.

Radishes

Quality is good and supply is slowing down. Expect to see stronger markets through the summer.

Salad Blends

The market is low. Raw product iceberg and romaine volume is high. Quality is good, although heat is causing some minor issues with chunks/wads, decay, and internal burn.

Snow and Sugar Snap Peas

Snow and sugar snap peas are in high demand with good quality.

Spinach (Bunched)

Supply is good, quality is fair due to heat related issues.

Spinach (Baby)

Baby and clipped spinach supplies are good. Quality is fair due to heat related issues and occasional reports of mildew.

Spring Mix

There is plenty of product with good quality.

Green Squash

EAST: Medium FOB prices are slightly up while the price of large remains flat. Supplies are improving from the region. Quality is still suspect due to the ample rainfall in the region. We advise to keep inventory tight.

WEST: Quality is still looking good from the western regions. Supplies are coming in strong and FOB prices are down.



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Yellow Squash

EAST: FOB prices have fallen again as NJ, SC, and NC produce good supplies. MI is just starting their crop. WEST: Western growers have great supplies. FOB prices are down and quality continues to be good.

Tomatoes

EAST:

Rounds

We will be transitioning to Virginia within the next week just as our South Carolina coastal crop winds down. Tennessee and North Carolina are looking to start their full production harvest in about two weeks. FOB prices are flat with no change at all. The fields continue to produce good quality, but we are keeping a close eye on shelf life due Rounds to the rainfall.

Romas

Supplies are slightly improving on medium and large size romas while extra large remain tight. With that, large & medium size are down.

Grapes

Although the crop continues to produce a good amount, FOB prices are up a few dollars. Just like rounds, quality remains good, however, due to rains we still advise to keep inventory close.

Cherries

Demand is steady while FOB prices are slightly up for next week. Quality is still proving to be good.

WEST/MEXICO:

Rounds

All growers in California are harvesting and supplies are ample. FOB prices for all sizes have slightly moved somewhat downward. The heat, however, is proving itself within the quality of the fruit. We are seeing soft and tender tomatoes. Tight inventory is highly suggested as Mother Nature pushes the limits. See the forecast below for the continuous hot temperatures moving through the region.

Romas

The roma market in the west is finally slipping downward. Prices from Baja and McAllen are down for large & medium sizes. Supplies are looking better as we move into next week.

Grapes

FOB prices remain unchanged, but continue to have a wide range which is reflective of the range in quality coming from the Baja growing area. Quality is continues to be suspect even though volume is good. Tight inventory is recommended.

Cherries

Market prices are falling a few dollars moving into next week. Supplies remain healthy coming from the region.

Tree Fruit

Prices are starting to inch up; apricot, nectarine, peach, and plum supplies are sufficient. Nectarine sugar levels range from 10 to 12 Brix; peach levels vary from 10 to 11 Brix and red plums are very sweet at 13 to 15 Brix.

Watermelon

Good supplies are now available out of Texas, the Carolinas and Georgia. California supplies will remain light through the middle of next week. Fruit is cutting beautifully, deep red and sweet! A good substitute for honeydew over the next 7 to 10 days.

